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Delegation of the European Commission
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Ms. Gloria Blue
Executive Secretary
Trade Policy Staff Committee
USTR
600 17th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20508

**Re: Public Comments on Potential Action Under Sec. 203 of the Trade Act
of 1974 With Regard to Imports of Certain Steel**

Filed by electronic mail January 4, 2001

Dear Ms. Blue,

In response to the request by the United States Trade Representative (USTR) for comments on what action, if any, the President should take under section 203 of the Trade Act of 1974 with regard to imports of certain steel (see 66 Fed. Reg. 54,321 (Oct. 26, 2001), 66 Fed. Reg. 67,349 (Dec. 28, 2001) (extending deadline for comments to January 4, 2002), the European Commission urges the US Administration not to impose any safeguard measures. Any imposition of measures would be totally unjustified and would constitute a violation of WTO rules.

The European Commission herewith submits to the record of the TPSC documents previously submitted in the ITC proceeding, which explain our position in detail.

Sincerely,

(signed)

Petros Sourmelis
Trade Counselor

Attachments